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On the Occasion of the "Month of Struggle Against U.S. Imperialism"

The month of struggle against U.S. imperialism beginning June 25, the day when the American imperialists provoked the Korean war 16 years ago, is drawing near.

On the eve of this fighting month, the Korean people extend gratitude to the international bodies and public organizations of various countries as well as to the broad sections of people of the world, who voice active support and encouragement to their just struggle for the withdrawal of the U.S. aggressors from South Korea and the accomplishment of the peaceful unification of their country.

On June 25, 1950, the U.S. imperialists unleashed the aggressive war against the Korean people.

Having ignited the war, the American aggressors hurled all they could muster into the Korean war. They dumped into the war the bulk of the U.S. ground, naval and air forces and troops of 15 satellite countries and poured in 11 times the amount of war materials used in the Pacific war. In the Korean war, the Americans resorted to most brutal methods, unheard of in history. Through scorched-earth tactics they reduced our towns and villages to rubble, massacred innocent people and made no scruple of employing chemical and bacteriological weapons. By no means or method, however, could the American imperialists bring to their knees the Korean people, who rose up in the just struggle.

With the active support and encouragement of the peace-loving people the world over, our people waged a heroic struggle and dealt crushing blows to the American aggressors. The wild dream of the Yankees to conquer our people easily through a surprise attack against the young Democratic People's Republic of Korea was shattered, and the Yankees lost the war.

They had to admit their miserable defeat for the first time in the history of their aggressive wars and affix their signature to the Armistice Agreement.

The historic victory the Korean people won in the Patriotic War of Liberation was a great triumph of the peace-loving forces over the forces of aggression and war. Through their historic victory, our people frustrated the vicious scheme of the American imperialists to spread the flames of war to the Asian continent.

Already 13 years have elapsed since the fierce war ended in Korea.

But a lasting peace has not yet been realized in Korea nor the peaceful unification of the country accomplished.

This is entirely due to the aggressive policy of U.S. imperialism. The Americans, still occupying South Korea, are carrying out the policy of colonial enslavement, hampering the unification of our country in every possible way and worsening tension in Korea.

South Korea today is completely under the sway of the United States.

In South Korea national sovereignty has been utterly stamped out and the occupiers have everything in their clutches, political, economic, military, cultural, etc.

South Korea's economy is serving the military purposes of the American aggressors and the national economy is being strangled. The decadent American way of life is widespread, while Korean national culture is trampled underfoot.

The U.S. colonial rule over South Korea is maintained by a fascist terror reign.

In fact, there is no elementary freedom or democracy in South Korea. The masses of the people are afflicted with the worsening economic poverty on top of the suffocating political pressure.

The majority of the able-bodied are unemployed fully or partly, and millions of peasants run out of provisions in South Korea every year.

These calamities are coupled with unbearable national humiliation and inhuman atrocities by the U.S. occupationists.

The occupationists think nothing of violating women and murdering guiltless people and do not scruple even at raiding houses and plundering property.

The people in South Korea have come to the just conclusion that the only way of freeing themselves from such misfortunes, hardships and calamities lies in the withdrawal of the U.S. aggressor army and the unification of their divided country.

The nation's division which has lasted for more than 20 years makes it impossible to turn to account in a co-ordinated way the natural resources and wisdom of the North and the South for the prosperity of the country and the people. The division of the territory is preventing the separated kin from writing to each other, let alone meeting each other. The unification of the country is, indeed, the paramount national aspiration of the entire people of Korea, both in the north and the south.

But the Americans are standing in the way of realizing

this urgent national aspiration of our people.

At the instigation of the Americans, their puppets in South Korea have been, and still are, rejecting our consistent proposal for accomplishing the unification of our country on independent, democratic and peaceful principles.

They opposed the proposal for settling the question of Korea's unification through free North-South general elections held on a democratic basis free from foreign interference after the withdrawal of the U.S. aggressor army from South Korea.

We proposed to establish a confederation as a transitional measure for the solution of the urgent problems confronting our nation, should they find it impossible to agree to holding North-South general elections soon. But they are opposed to this proposal, too.

They even oppose the proposal for restoring national ties and enabling the families and relatives living apart in the North and the South to hear from each other.

The puppets in South Korea have gone the length of arresting and imprisoning those who have merely advocated the exchange of reporters and men of letters as well as correspondence between the North and the South on the preposterous charge that they "have sympathized with the demands of the Communists."

It is a widely known fact that already many public and political figures and journalists of South Korea have been hanged for the mere "reason" that they called for the peaceful unification of the country.

In South Korea today it is regarded as the gravest "crime" to aspire to and advocate the peaceful unification of the country.

The U.S. imperialists and their lackeys are still repeating the illegal discussion of the "Korean question" at the U.N. in disregard of the unanimous aspiration of the Korean people for the country's unification.

However, the question of Korea's unification is an internal affair of our nation allowing no interference from any outside force.

There is no reason or ground for the U.N. to interfere in the internal affair of our nation. Originally, the U.N. has no right whatsoever to interfere in the Korean question in view of its declared mission.

Moreover, the U.N. had its name usurped by the Americans in "justifying" the latter's armed invasion of Korea.

Still today the U.N. is being utilized by the Americans in legalizing their occupation of South Korea.

Under the U.N. signboard, the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys are still obstructing the unification of our country to perpetuate the division of Korea and are machinating to aggravate tension in South Korea and realize their ambition to subjugate the northern part of Korea.

The Americans who are frantically making preparations for another war in South Korea have committed all sorts of hostile acts and violations of the Armistice Agreement, nearly 40,000 cases, since the truce was concluded in Korea, counting only those that have been officially presented at the Military Armistice Commission by our side.

They have brought into South Korea various new-type weapons including atomic weapons and guided missiles, stationed tens of thousands of aggressor troops and increased the strength of the puppet army to 600,000 and more effectives; they are expanding military installations on an extensive scale and converting the whole of South Korea into a military base.

The American aggressors are the main obstacle in the way of the solution of the Korean question.

U.S. imperialism is, for our nation, the sworn enemy which stretched its claws of aggression to Korea already a century ago.

The U.S. imperialist aggressor troops must pull out of South Korea at once, taking all their weapons with them.

Greeting the month of struggle against U.S. imperialism, our people are renewing their determination to keep up the resolute struggle for the withdrawal of the U.S. aggressor troops from South Korea and the independent, peaceful unification of the country by their own efforts.

The aggressive policy of U.S. imperialism against Korea is not only bringing immeasurable national misfortunes to our people but also gravely menacing peace and security in the Far East and Asia and the rest of the world.

The Americans are converting South Korea into a supply base for the occupation of the whole Korea and their aggression in the Asian continent, regarding it as a military-strategic point for realizing their ambition for world domination.

Through the criminal "ROK-Japan Treaty" the Americans have already brought together the South Korean puppet clique and the Japanese militarists not only politically and economically but also militarily.

The "ROK-Japan Treaty" has cleared the way for the Japanese militarists to reinvade South Korea.

This poses a grave menace to the Korean people, adds to the indescribable misfortunes and sufferings of the people of South Korea and has thrown a new stumbling block in the way of settling the question of Korea's unification.

The "ROK-Japan Treaty" is interlinked with the "Japan-U.S. Security Pact" and the "ROK-U.S. Mutual Defence Treaty" and virtually means the formation of a "Northeast Asia military alliance."

The American imperialists today are manoeuvring to whip together their satellite states and puppets in the Asian and Pacific regions into a single anti-Communist military alliance in Asia with the aim of completing their aggressive military-strategic system for opposing the socialist camp, wiping out the independent national states and putting down the national-liberation movements.

The Southeast Asian tour of Pak Jung Hi last February and the so-called "Ministerial Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions" held recently in Seoul ever more glaringly reveal the criminal scheme of the Americans.

The whole course of the "Seoul conference" held under the direct manipulation of U.S. imperialism convincingly shows that it was a product of the criminal plot of the American imperialists to step up their aggressive moves in Asia.

This creates a serious threat to the peace-loving people in the Asian and Pacific regions and the rest of the world.

The Americans are trying hard to form a new military alliance in an attempt to preserve their shaky colonial foothold in Asia and, above all, recover from the defeats they are sustaining in their aggressive war in Vietnam.

Escalating the war of aggression in Vietnam, the Americans have already hurled aggressor troops 267,000 strong into South Vietnam and are planning to increase the number to 400,000-500,000 by the year-end.

They have also drawn as mercenaries tens of thousands of their puppet troops from South Korea.

South Korea has become the major supply base of cannon fodder for the Yankees.

Nowadays the U.S. imperialists are ever more viciously prosecuting the "scorched-earth warfare" of killing all, burning all and destroying all in South Vietnam and extending the barbarous bombing over the Democratic Republic of Vietnam

up to Hanoi and Haiphong.

Facts show that the Yankee aggressors are the very ones who are sabotaging not only the peaceful solution of the Korean question but also peace in the Far East and Asia.

The struggle for the withdrawal of the U.S. aggressor troops from South Korea is a struggle for the peaceful settlement of the Korean question and, at the same time, a struggle for defending peace in the Far East, Asia and the rest of the world.

We appeal to the international bodies and public organizations in various countries as well as the peace-loving people of the world to further intensify the international struggle for the withdrawal of the American troops from South Korea during the coming month of struggle against U.S. imperialism, the month for expressing solidarity with our people in the struggle for the unification of our country.

U.S. imperialism is the chieftain of aggression and war, the most wicked international exploiter, and the gendarme of the world.

Without the struggle against U.S. imperialism, there can be neither world peace and security, nor can freedom and liberation of the exploited and oppressed peoples be won, nor can happiness of mankind and progress of history be hoped for.

It is the loftiest common task of the world's people to fight against U.S. imperialism, the most heinous enemy of mankind.

For the successful conduct of struggle against the American imperialists the unity and solidarity of all the anti-U.S., anti-imperialist forces should be consolidated at all times.

Only by the united might of the world's people can a decisive blow be given to the U.S. imperialist, the ringleader of world reaction.

The peoples of the socialist countries, peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, forces of the international labour movement, Communist movement and national-liberation struggle and the forces of the peace-loving people of the whole world must firmly unite under the anti-U.S., anti-imperialist banner and drive out the U.S. aggressors from all parts of the world where they are presently entrenched.

What characterises the latter half of the 20th century opened up with the miserable defeat of the Yankee aggressors and the victory of the Korean people in the Korean war is

that it is a historical period in which U.S. imperialism is being brought closer to its doom.

The myth about the mightiness of U.S. imperialism has been exploded. U.S. imperialism is floundering, given a drubbing everywhere today.

The general situation is developing more and more in favour of our people and the peace-loving people of the world who are fighting against the U.S. aggressors.

Peace-loving and anti-imperialist forces are growing and their international solidarity is strengthening.

If all the anti-U.S., anti-imperialist forces firmly unite and wage a resolute struggle against U.S. imperialism, its machinations for aggression and war can be thwarted and world peace can be won.

With the support and encouragement of the people of the whole world, our people will see that the U.S. aggressor troops withdraw from South Korea and surely accomplish the independent unification of the country by ourselves. U.S. imperialism will fall, and the historic cause of humanity will triumph.

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